January 27, Psalms 10 vs 11-18 The Lord hears your desire Do I believe that you, Lord, see my _____ abuse, sickness, or other besetting problem in my life? Do I believe you to take this problem in hand to care for me properly? Or do I think that I am a victim of others or the circumstances of life? Lord, help me trust you to even use the most difficult things in my life to make your power known in and through me. We choose to trust that you are answering us by strengthening our hearts, and that you hear our very desires. And that you did heard me_ time in my life. I am going to choose to obey you by giving thanks for difficulty - not because it was (or is) a good thing in of its self, but because a wonderful thing has come (or is about) from it... Which is knowing you and your power over all things in the depths of my heart. What happened (or is happening) to me can only impact me in this life - yet what you are giving to me through it - is ours to enjoy together now, and for all eternity. I believe when I say "it is OURS" because you say to me that the life that I now live is no longer mine, but Christ in me. Wow what an identity shift, what a perspective shift. I receive it.

"7 or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Thank you Lord for your perfect love that cast out all fear, so even though terror might be all around me (sometimes affecting my mind and emotion) and bad things are done to me, they cannot strike my heart of hearts in you. I want to experience your perfect love where I'm not experiencing it. Please, Lord, through the power of your Holy Spirit, Replace, my fear with your perfect love.

The passage about God's perfect love casts out all fear is - 1John 4:18

Lord, I want to love my neighbor as myself, show me who you have brought in my path to pray Psalms 10 for tonight. Anoint me with your Holy Spirit so I can pray and give properly to this person - from your perspective.